

**INTERSTATE RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT FOR
POSTSECONDARY DISTANCE EDUCATION**

2016 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Val L. Peterson

Senate Sponsor: Ann Millner

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill authorizes the State Board of Regents to execute an interstate reciprocity agreement regarding postsecondary distance education.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ authorizes the State Board of Regents to execute an interstate reciprocity agreement regarding interstate offering of postsecondary distance education courses and programs; and

- ▶ grants rulemaking authority.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

53B-16-109, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **53B-16-109** is enacted to read:



53B-16-109. Interstate reciprocity agreement regarding postsecondary distance education courses.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Distance education" means instruction offered by a means where the student and faculty member are in separate physical locations.

(b) "Institution" means a degree-granting postsecondary education entity.

(c) "Postsecondary education" means education or educational services offered primarily to an individual who:

(i) has completed or terminated the individual's secondary or high school education; or

(ii) is beyond the age of compulsory school attendance.

(2) The board may execute an interstate reciprocity agreement for postsecondary distance education:

(a) for an institution that offers a postsecondary distance education course or program; and

(b) that requires an institution to meet certain standards to become authorized to operate under the interstate reciprocity agreement.

(3) If the board executes an interstate reciprocity agreement under Subsection (2), the board shall make rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, to establish:

(a) standards for granting an institution authorization to operate under the interstate reciprocity agreement;

(b) a filing, document, or membership fee required for an institution to obtain authorization under the interstate reciprocity agreement; and

(c) a process for administering the interstate reciprocity agreement.

Legislative Review Note
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